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Please consider the following regarding the Microsoft case.

Thank you for your time.
Dave

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I support the settlement between Microsoft and the U.S. Department of Justice. It is fair and reasonable, and will bring this case to a close.

Microsoft has agreed on several matters that extend well beyond the issues of the lawsuit. They have agreed not to retaliate against computer makers who ship software that competes with anything in its Windows operating systems. Microsoft has agreed to license its Windows operating system products to the 20 largest computer makers on identical terms. They have agreed to document and disclose for use by its competitors various interfaces that are internal to Window's operating system products. These are only some of the issues of the settlement that I would call above and beyond the call of duty.

No more action should be taken at the federal level. I agree that the settlement is in the best interest of the people, the industry and the economy. Further litigation would only prolong a drawn out lawsuit that was not necessary from the start.

Let's get this behind us and move on with other important business.

Sincerely,

David Semach